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25 MAY 1956

The Honorable Lewis Strauss
Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Lewis:

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter of this date, with attachment, which I have sent to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on the subject of clearances for access to Restricted Data and exchange of such data.

This letter is a follow-up to staff level discussions between representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency and Bureau of the Budget, relating recent legislative proposals by the Department of Defense. It is my understanding that these proposals, which would amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 are now being reviewed by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Department of Defense proposals do not contemplate any change in the provisions of the Act which relate to clearance procedures. I have raised this problem in my letter to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, however, because the Bureau examiners have expressed an interest in it, and it is related to the whole problem of access to, and exchange of information based on Restricted Data. The clearance problem has been discussed at considerable length by representatives of this Agency and the Atomic Energy Commission, and we feel that consideration should be given, at an appropriate time, to legislative amendments which would deal with it. We do not wish to delay in any way, however, the prompt consideration by the Congress of the proposed amendment to Section 143, relating to the critical problem which has arisen as the inter-agency exchange of Restricted Data between appropriately cleared personnel.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

Attachment

Elvia Reading

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